	Application No.	Applicant(s)
Notice of Allowability	09/801,138	KEITH, ROBERT OLAN
	Examiner	**Art Unit**
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to *amendment filed on 3/12/2007*.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are *1,4 - 15,17 - 24,49,52 - 63,65 -73,76 -87 and 80 - 96*.

3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f)..

    a) ☐ All   b) ☐ Some*   c) ☐ None of the:

        1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

        2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____ .

        3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

    * Certified copies not received: _____ .

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

    (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

        1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____ .

    (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
Paper No./Mail Date _____ .

    Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 4/14/05

4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ .

7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____ .

DETAILED ACTION

1.   This Office Action is response to amendments filed on 3/12/2007.

2.   Applicant's amendments to claims 1 – 96 are acknowledged. Consequently, claims 1, 4 –

15, 17 – 24, 49, 52 – 63, 65 – 73, 76 – 87 and 80 - 96 are currently pending. Amendment after

final filed on 6/13/2005 have been entered.

3.   Claims 1, 4 – 15, 17 – 24, 49, 52 – 63, 65 – 73, 76 – 87 and 80 - 96 are renumbered as 1 –

63 respectively.

Information Disclosure Statement

4.   The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 4/14/2005 is in compliance

with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being

considered by the examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

5.   Claims 1, 4 – 15, 17 – 24, 49, 52 – 63, 65 – 73, 76 – 87 and 80 - 96 are allowed.

6.   The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: in independent claims

1, 15, 49, 63, 73, and 87, a method and system for performing a research task within a searchable

database comprising the teaching of "each utilization of the research module includes the

availability of the keyword search, the hierarchical search, the dichotomous key search, and the

parametric search at any location, including at any displayed page, within the searchable

database, wherein the keyword search, the hierarchical search, the dichotomous key search, and

the parametric search are available at any displayed page within the searchable database without

requiring user input", taken with the other limitations of the claim, were not disclosed by, would

not have been obvious over, nor otherwise fairly disclosed by the prior art of record.

7.   The dependent claims, being further limiting, definite and fully enabled by the

Specification, are also allowed

        Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the

payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for

Allowance."

Conclusion

8.   Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to CamLinh Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272 - 4024.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

        If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Apu Mofiz can be reached on (571) 272 - 4080. The fax phone number for the

organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571 – 273 - 8300.

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